

**Response to Restriction with Second Preliminary Amendment**  
**U.S. Patent Application No. 10/676,271**


**REMARKS**

Original claims 1-43 are subject to a restriction requirement, with the claims being separated into the following groups: Group I drawn to a temperature control system (claims 1-21, 42 and 43); and Group II drawn to a method of extruding fibers (claims 22-41). In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant elects without traverse the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-21, 42 and 43) for prosecution.

By way of the above amendments, claims 1, 2 and 42 have been amended. Support for the amended claims can be found throughout the specification. In addition, non-elected claims 22-41 have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these non-elected and canceled claims in a divisional or continuation application.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for examination, and favorable examination is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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